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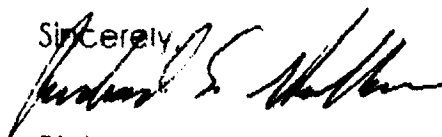
Dear Attorney Hesse,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Microsoft settlement that is currently being considered by Judge Kollar Kotelly in the federal courts. The case has gone on too long, and has cost the American taxpayer millions of wasted dollars. I'm not sure what, if anything, the consumers of this country have gained by this protracted fight. It seems to me that we would all be better off if the case were settled.

I run a small logging company, and so I am not involved in the daily workings of high-tech industry. However, I do understand fairness in business practices, and respect the role of the federal government to look out for the little guy. In this case it seems that someone got too zealous, and that the case took a life of its own. If the Justice Department has reached a settlement that is acceptable to them, then I say let's not miss this opportunity to end this unfortunate episode.

I appreciate your consideration of my thoughts on this matter, and I ask you to consider: with all that's going on in this world, wouldn't America be better unified if we ended this case?

Sincerely,



Richard S. Halloran